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YOUNG GIRLS AND THE BLACK HAND

Nellie Nussbaum Threatens Her Father With Death in Letter.

MONEY DEMANDED UNDER A PENALTY

Irene Grossman Found Insensible With "Black Hand" Demands for Money Written On the Backs of Two Pictures On the Wall.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, September 25.—Nellie Nussbaum, fifteen years old, was today accused by her father of writing him letters threatening death unless he paid her \$50. The letters were signed the "Black Hand." The girl confessed to the police today that she wrote such letters to her father, saying that she did it "just for fun." One of the letters to her father began: "See here. We ain't going to fool with you no longer. If we don't get \$50 on September 25th at 11 P. M., we will kill you and your girl. I am president of the Black Hand and can write plainer letters than the rest."

Still Another. Her father was alarmed by these letters, and put them in the hands of the police. All of them were written within the last two weeks. The police traced to Nellie's pen another "Black Hand" letter demanding money, which she said she wrote to her father. The letter was found on the back of a picture of a woman. Irene Grossman, a girl of sixteen years, was found clubbed into insensibility in the hallway of her home at No. 54 West One Hundred and Forty-second Street today. The attack was the culmination of a series of nightly entries in the Grossman residence, which were intended to enforce, by "Black Hand" methods payment of money for immunity from attacks. Beginning Friday night, the girl visited the house nightly, appearing only to Miss Grossman and escaping when frightened by her screams. Despite the lookout set for him by the family, he succeeded today in reaching Miss Grossman before she had a chance to give warning.

Saw No Man. The girl's brother told the police that his sister had started for her early morning walk when she was attacked. He heard her scream and ran into the hallway, where he found her unconscious, but saw nothing of the man. After the clubbing the police found two pictures in the Grossman home, one of a woman and one of a man, and notes demanding money written on the backs. On the back of a photograph of Mrs. Grossman was written: "We expect \$50 from you. B. F. C." On the back of a picture of her daughter's picture was written in the same hand: "We expect \$50 from you. B. F. C." In the two previous visits to the house the burglar had stolen several valuable pictures and more than \$100 worth of silverware.

HEREDITARY COUNT WEDS WASHERWOMAN'S DAUGHTER

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, September 25.—The hereditary Count Francis Von Erbach-Erbach, the twenty-two-year-old son of the head of the second branch of the ancient house of Erbach in Hesse, has been set aside from the succession, according to the Tagblatt for having married the daughter of a washerwoman of Erbach. The marriage, it is added, took place in London some weeks ago. Count Francis affirmed his intention to remain true to his wife.

BARON KOMURA WELL: STARTS HOME TO-MORROW

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, September 25.—Baron Komura, the Japanese peace envoy, has so far recovered from his illness that he will start on his journey to Japan on Wednesday. The Baron will be accompanied by Mr. Sato, who remained with the baron when the rest of the suite started for home after the peace negotiations had been concluded. They will go by rail to Vancouver, whence they will sail on the steamer Empress of India, October 2d.

NINETY THOUSAND-DOLLAR FIRE IN NEW ORLEANS

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, September 25.—A fire today gutted the four-story printing house of Walle and Company, Limited, at No. 55 Canal Street. The fire started in the fourth story, where about fifteen girls were employed. They escaped. Loss on stock and building, \$90,000; insurance, \$40,000.

FIREWORKS DESTROYED: ONE KILLED, THREE HURT

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—By the explosion of a large quantity of powder the fireworks factory of Joseph Spizola, in Green Point, was totally destroyed today. Spizola's sixteen-year-old son, Antonio, was instantly killed, and his wife and two younger boys and a workman were seriously injured.

STUDENTS REFUSED ENTRANCE TO V. P. I.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BLACKSBURG, VA., Sept. 25.—The faculty of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute refused entrance to the old students who have not matriculated, and who engaged in hazing.

MR. ELSOM WILL GIVE UP CHARGE

Reported He Has Told Intimate Friends He Will Resign.

EFFORT TO EXPLAIN CAUSES SENSATION

Former Superintendent of the Sunday School Attempts to Answer Charges But is Unable to Proceed, and Turmoil Follows.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DANVILLE, VA., September 26.—Rev. P. G. Elsom, pastor of the Moffett Memorial Baptist Church, the members of which congregation have for the past several months been engaged in a bitter strife, has announced to a few of his intimate friends his intention of resigning the pastorate at an early date. Several weeks ago, a petition, signed by many of the members of the congregation was presented to Rev. Mr. Elsom, asking him to resign. The pastor declined point blank to do as requested, and as a result many of the leaders in the church, including the superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, many of the deacons and others withdrew from the church. Charges of a sensational nature were preferred directly against Rev. Mr. Elsom, which charges he has answered in a printed circular, that is being distributed throughout the city. Mr. Elsom is out of the city at present, and has made no official announcement of his intention of resigning. The internal warfare at Moffett Memorial reached the climax at the Sunday school Sunday morning, when Mr. Howard Dickerson, who recently resigned the position of superintendent on account of Rev. Mr. Elsom, arose to answer some charges that had been made against him. Mrs. Elsom, wife of the pastor, became so insistent that he had to forego his talk. Rev. Mr. Elsom attempted to remonstrate with his wife, and as a result, the whole school was thrown into a turmoil, and many of the women went home. In the evening, Rev. Mr. Elsom resigns, the different factions of Moffett Memorial will probably be reunited and peace restored.

GEN. PAYNE'S PORTRAIT FOR FAUQUIER COURT-HOUSE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEBESBURG, VA., September 25.—The family of the late General William H. Payne, a distinguished lawyer and gallant officer in the Confederate service, will present to Fauquier county his portrait, to be hung in the courthouse in Warrenton, on Wednesday afternoon, September 27th. John H. Alexander, Esq., the partner of General Payne, will present the portrait on behalf of the family and Judge E. C. Nicol will receive the portrait on behalf of Fauquier county.

NO FUSION NOMINEE YET FOR MAYOR OF NEW YORK

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, September 25.—The Nominating Committee of the Fusion Conference met at the Fifth Avenue Hotel today, and after a two hours' meeting failed to agree upon a candidate for Mayor. The committee asked the Fusion Conference for further time, and was given the desired delay.

MEANS THE RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT ESTRADA PALMA

(By Associated Press.) HAVANA, September 25.—Complete returns from the entire island show that in the elections Saturday last for members of the election boards, the supporters of the government were victorious in every province. It is generally admitted to mean the re-election in December of President Palma. Order continues to prevail through the island.

HON. H. C. STUART NOT TO RETIRE SHORTLY

Rumor of His Withdrawal From Corporation Commission Denied. The rumor which was afloat yesterday to the effect that Hon. Henry C. Stuart, of Russell, will shortly retire from the State Corporation Commission is not well founded, as Mr. Stuart does not intend to resign at any early date. Those in close touch with the State administration have known for some time that the member from Russell did not expect to serve out his entire term, but he has never intimated that he would withdraw in the near future. On the other hand, when seen last night at the Westmoreland Club by a Times-Dispatch man, Mr. Stuart said it was well understood between himself and his close friends when he accepted the position as a commissioner that he would not serve to the end of his term, which will expire on February 1, 1906. "I have been a member of the body now longer than I expected to remain when I was appointed," he said, "but some interesting and important questions have arisen which require a good deal more work and time than I had at first anticipated. There are some important matters pending before the body at this time which I desire to see finally disposed of before I retire. You may say that so far as I can now see I have no present intention of retiring from the Commission in the very near future."

DR. PETERS DIRECTS WEDNESDAY CLUB

Eminent Teacher Selected to Train Richmond's Notable Musical Organization. The interest in the Wednesday Club and musical circles in general in Virginia will receive an immediate impetus by the announcement just made of Dr. R. H. Peters, of Boston, as conductor of the Wednesday Club for this season. At the last meeting of the board of governors of the club, at which Mr. George W. Stevens, H. T. Meloney, Eugene Jones, J. W. Gordon, George Bryan, V. E. Mercer and M. O. Brooks were present, the announcement was made that Dr. R. H. Peters had been elected, and Dr. Peters had accepted the call. Since the last regular meeting of the club in May, and during the absence of Mr. Stevens in Europe, it has been impossible to take any definite action, although considerable correspondence has been exchanged between Dr. Peters and the club's secretary, Mr. Eugene Jones, and it became necessary to offer special inducements to the man who could fill the position satisfactorily. Dr. Peters has expressed a special desire to take up his residence in Richmond and to pursue his work in the Old Dominion. He is well known as an eminent musician, being a teacher of harmony, theory and counterpoint, choir director and chorus director of unusual attainments. He is a Musical Director of Trinity College, Toronto, Canada, a Fel-



HEATHERBLOOM WILL HIGH JUMP

World's Record Will Probably Be Broken at Richmond Show.

GROSVENOR STABLE ENTERS

Complete List of All Horses Entered Except New York Entries.

The Horse Show authorities are jubilant over the many entries that have so far come in. Mr. James T. Hyde, secretary of the Show, who has been receiving entries in New York, will reach Richmond this morning with a large list of entries and a number of out of town lists will come in by mail for several days yet. It is not only the quantity of the horses that delight the Horse Show people, but the remarkably high class of the exhibits. The harness classes are the best that our show could wish for, and the hunters and jumpers are the best in the country. Mrs. Grosvenor leads all the others in point of numbers, and horse lovers will again have an opportunity of seeing the champion park hacks, Peacock, O'Brien and Dixie. Jack Donnelly, manager for Mrs. Grosvenor, has written to engage thirty stalls, and has requested that the outside stable be used last year be again reserved for the horses under his care.

HEATHERBLOOM COMING

Dick Donnelly will have Mr. Willett's world champion high jumper, Heatherbloom, as well as "Rifle," another well known high jumper, in his charge. It will be remembered that Rifle won seven feet at the show two years ago. With Heatherbloom, Rifle and Gray Rock it looks as though a new world's high jump record would be made during the Richmond Show. Heatherbloom has an official record of seven feet nine inches. Rifle holds a record of seven feet six inches, and Gray Rock has gone seven feet four inches. Mr. Sidney Holloway will ride the Westchester Farm entries. Among them are Buck, Jack Frost, Red Raven, all well known in Virginia. Mr. Dunlop has forty-five entries that the champion of horses from the Commonwealth to the pony. It is fair to predict that the show will give a greater exhibit than has ever been witnessed in the South. A large number of New York people will be in town and the demand for the books is so great that the office of the show are greatly embarrassed at being

Laplanders' Privileges

The ancient privileges of each country's nomadic Laplanders to pasture in the other country are continued. Each country agrees neither to rough prohibition of import or export laws to in any way interfere with or make difficult the transport or transit of goods. Agreement is made for the presentation of common waterways. The protocol will be submitted to each country's Parliament for ratification to be mutually binding when Sweden recognizes Norway as an independent country, dissolved from the union with Sweden.

HOW THE EQUITABLE RUNS A RESTAURANT

Is Owner of the Cafe Savarin. Morton Says It Pays Very Well. (By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, September 25.—Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Insurance Society, made a statement today with reference to the society's ownership of the Cafe Savarin, the restaurant located in the Equitable building, this city. "There is nothing new or sensational about the Cafe Savarin. There has been no change in its relation to the Equitable Society, which now owns and operates it. I do not like the idea of the society being in the restaurant business, but it is a condition that I found, and we will have to continue in the business until I can make other arrangements. It will be my effort to get the society out of the business, although, in lieu of rent, the Cafe Savarin is netting the society profits which approximate what the rent would be."

COAST LINE TRETTLE DESTROYED BY FIRE

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HOW NORWAY AND SWEDEN AGREED

Text of the Protocol As Signed By the Delegates Saturday.

FORTS TO BE DEMOLISHED

Privileges of the Laplanders. Agreement Must Be Ratified.

(By Associated Press.) STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, Sept. 26.—The Associated Press has succeeded in securing the text of the protocol signed at Karlstad Saturday by the Norwegian-Swedish delegates appointed to arrange the terms for the dissolution of the union of Norway and Sweden, subject to the satisfaction of the Riksdag and Storting. The historic document, which will become a treaty when ratified by the two Parliaments, consists of five main articles and thirty-five sub-clauses. The first article deals with arbitration; the second with the neutral zone and the demolition of the fortifications; the third with reindeer pastures, etc.; the fourth with inter-traffic, and the fifth with common waterways. The agreement provides for the compulsory arbitration before The Hague Court of all disputes except matters of vital interest, for the period of a decade with extensions for other periods of ten years unless two years previous notice is given of an intention to abrogate it. The treaty provides for a zone on either side of the frontier which shall forever be neutral and for the demolition of the fortresses within that zone with the exception of the old portions of the fortifications of Frederiksten, Gyldehoeve and Overbergel, which may remain, but which are not to be used as fortifications. A headquarters staff and garrison may be maintained at Frederiksten to the same extent as prior to the creation of the new fortifications. No extension of the Kongsvaer group of fortifications will be permitted. The new forts erected within ten kilometers of the old fortress of Kongsvaer.

THE GRAND JURY IS PROBING NOW

Mr. Royall Speaks More Than An Hour With the Investigators.

WHO PAID THE POLL TAXES?

That Seems to Be the Principal Question Just Now at Issue.

The Hustings Court grand jury, investigating the alleged frauds in connection with the recent city primary election, resumed business yesterday morning. Enough witnesses, including Mr. William L. Royall, the election fraud fighter, were summoned to keep the jury busy all the morning. All who had been summoned responded when their names were called, and being duly sworn took their places in the corridor to await the pleasure of the foreman of the jury. It was noticeable that the interest in the proceedings was nothing like so great as when the first grand jury was doing its work in the matter of ferreting out frauds or alleged frauds. The crowd in the Hustings Court room when the session was opened not near so large and but few men other than the witnesses lingered in the corridor when the jury had gone to their room. Mr. Royall On Hand. Mr. W. L. Royall was on hand early, by 10:30. He came in with his face wreathed in smiles and carried under his arm a small bundle of newspapers. Being asked what he was driving at, he replied: "I am here in response to a summons to appear before the grand jury, and that's all I know about it." A friend noticing the papers under Mr. Royall's arm, asked to be permitted to look at the "morning paper." Mr. Royall laughed, and replied: "This is not this morning's paper, but I have several papers here of several mornings ago. I may need them during the day to refresh my memory." He carried the papers with him in the grand jury room. The witnesses sworn to tell all they knew yesterday were: W. L. Royall, I. Heid, J. B. Welsh, The Folks, T. L. Claytor, Peyton Johnson, S. Gordon, C. F. Cary, S. B. Lambert, James Strang, F. C. Larus, C. T. Mende, W. M. McAllister, Pat Wood, A. M. Lipscomb, L. H. Phillips, and Walter Christian. All of the above were examined and turned loose before 2 o'clock, at which hour the grand jury adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning. First On Deck. Mr. Royall was the first witness, and he was with the jury an hour and a

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FIVE ARE DEAD; TWENTY INJURED

A Limited Express and Passenger Train Crash Together.

PROMINENT MEN AMONG THE DEAD

One of Them a Relative of the General Manager of the Pennsylvania—Engine Plows Into Private Car for Ten Feet.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, PA., September 25.—A rear-end collision to-day between the eastbound New York Limited Express, from St. Louis, and a local passenger train, which was standing at the Paoli Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, nineteen miles west of this city, resulted in the death of five men and the injuring of more than twenty others. The Dead. FRANK A. BRASTOW, of Haverford, a suburb of this city, general agent at Philadelphia of the Safety Car Heating and Lighting Company, and a distant relative by marriage of W. W. Atterbury, general manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. GEORGE M. PENNYPACKER, Philadelphia, foreman of car inspectors in the West Philadelphia yards. S. S. WALTON, Altoona, Pa., steam heat inspector at Altoona shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad. RICHARD Y. GARLAND, Narberth, a suburb of this city, general foreman of West Philadelphia shop of the Pennsylvania Railroad. CARL DUNLAUR, Philadelphia, a railroad employee. All those who met death were in the private car of General Manager Atterbury, which was attached to the rear of the local train. Mr. Atterbury is on his vacation in Maine. He was expected to return about October 1, and his car had been overhauled, preparatory to sending it to Maine to bring him home. It was sent out in the forenoon for a test run and was attached to a late afternoon local train from Paoli for this city. In the car at the time of the accident were about a dozen men who had been engaged in overhauling the car. Those who were not killed were injured.

At Full Speed.

Paoli is the terminus of the Pennsylvania Railroad's suburban traffic on the main line, and a large yard is located there for the storage of cars and engines. The local train was made up in the yard on the north side of the railroad and switched across to the eastbound track, and came to a stop at the station. Before the switches could be set the New York Limited came along at a high rate of speed on No. 2 eastbound track, took the cross-over switch and crashed into the local train. The force of the collision was so great that the engine of the Limited ploughed ten feet into the private car, and the latter was forced half way through the day coach ahead. At the time of the accident there was less than half a dozen passengers in the local train, and they were in the forward cars, which were not damaged. The engine and fireman of the Limited were not hurt, but a dozen persons on this train were injured by being thrown against seats and the sides of the cars.

OPPOSING RATIFICATION OF TREATY OF PEACE

(By Associated Press.) TOKIO, September 25.—The Emperor is giving his personal attention to the memorials presented to the throne against the terms of the peace arranged with Russia. These memorials now number nearly 100. The agitators who are trying to interview privy councillors, advocate the refusal to ratify the treaty of peace and the public is almost unanimous in opposing the resignation of the Cabinet. Even the moderates do not conceal their grief at the result of the negotiations.

SUPPOSED MURDERER NOW UNDER ARREST

Man Thought to Be One Who Killed Augusta Pfeiffer is Captured. (By Associated Press.) ALBANY, N. Y., September 25.—A man supposed to be Joseph Girard, the New York Central employee suspected of murdering Augusta Pfeiffer in the Bronx ten days ago, was arrested today at Central Bridge, Schoharie county, and is now in jail at Schoharie, awaiting positive identification. When captured, the man, it is said, insisted that he was innocent of the crime, and when asked why he put such a question, is reported to have replied: "Oh, that's what they generally arrest hunted men for."

DEACONS HAD A FIGHT AT THE CHURCH MEETING

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINCHESTER, VA., Sept. 25.—A desperate encounter between several deacons of the L. I. school, colored Baptist at Millwood, Clarke county, resulted in a largely attended meeting becoming uproarious, and many narrowly escaped serious injury in a panic that followed. Charles Porter went after Charles King with a razor, and the latter was terribly slashed. He was taken to his home in a precarious condition. The trouble occurred over a woman.

"CLANSMAN" IS WELL RECEIVED

Large Audience Applaud Dixon's Very Sensational Play.

TO TEACH A LESSON, SAYS THE AUTHOR

In a Speech Before the Curtain He Said the Play Would Tell the North the Southern Truth. Well Acted, Fairly Well Staged, But Unsatisfying and Unpleasant.

Uncontrolled desires, primal passions, race hatred and race supremacy are the warp of the Clansman. Through this runs a web of love, adventure, moving accidents by flood and field, two well turned pieces of comedy, and one overwhelming tragedy. To-day it would be futile to prophesy long life or failure for "The Clansman," but while it runs, none may doubt that it is strong with all the strength of crude passions of semi-barbarians and gentlemen whose instincts have overcome the convention of society or the phrases of fanaticism. The test of time will show whether "The Clansman," like "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is to sweep the passions and touch the hearts of thousands, not with the stage-made emotions of a well played piece, but with the depth of feeling that comes from a sympathy that is as deep as it is inexplicable to the dispassionate observer it would seem significant that "Uncle Tom's Cabin" dealt with a living, present and pressing issue, while the dramatic force of "The Clansman" depends for its vitality upon a state of affairs that passed out of existence thirty-five years ago. Nor is this the only stumbling block in the way. If "The Clansman" is to be that epoch-making force that Mr. Dixon hopes. It is simple enough for an author to stand before the curtain and, in easy phrases, tell his audience, as Mr. Dixon did last night, "My purpose is reconciliation, through the knowledge of the truth. The Civil War did not settle the negro question; it simply created it; and we not only have not settled it; we have not looked at it." Continuing, Mr. Dixon said that his object was to give an enduring picture of the struggles of an oppressed race to obtain its civilization and supremacy, and, he added, "If my boy ever forgets that his ancestors died willingly that they might protect their civilization, may God strike him dead." But again, it does not well appear how the looting of South Carolina by carpet-baggers, through the knowledge of the truth, is any lesson for to-day, except that one which every Southern State has already learned and put into practice by practically disfranchising the negroes. Mr. Dixon has written and staged a strong play, intensely dramatic and full of thrilling situations. Of that there is no dispute. It is a most masterly play, but it is a purpose play, a play with a lesson and a moral. But what good can it possibly accomplish? It necessarily assumes the most violent passion of social instinct; it exaggerates the horrors of things impossible in the South—social equality and miscegenation. It will unnecessarily stir the antagonism of the white man and arouse the hatred of the black without doing good to either.

Story of the Play.

The first act finds a motley crowd of negroes assembled in front of the village hotel that is owned by the Camerons in a South Carolina village. It is election day, the first election in which the negro had had an opportunity to vote. A few white men flitted here and there, and a patent medicine vender was making the best of the opportunity to dupe the negroes and sell them his wares. The negroes are in high glee at the thought of becoming the masters of the white man, and the whites are serious and are watching events.

A reply of Dr. Cameron to his little daughter, indicates the serious concern of the white men. When she asks what the excitement and confusion at the voting place means, he tells her it is a "droust" in which the clown goes mad and turns the wild beasts out of their cages.

Joseph the negro candidate for Lieutenant Governor, incited by old Stoneman, the abolition fanatic from the North, is the master of the situation, and the negroes encouraged by the promise of "forty acres and a mule," readily do his bidding. The act is entrained with plantation dancing and some comic remarks by two of the old-time duffers, "Nels" and his wife, "Eve." These two take but little stock in the northern visitors, and still less in the blessings of freedom which have made the other negroes wild. The act closes with the announcement of the result of the election, which has placed the negroes in power and the tearing down by Ben Cameron, a white man, of the equality proclamation which old Stoneman had posted in front of the Cameron house. He tears it into shreds, throws in Lynch's face, and in response to Stoneman's order to replace, declares: "I will see you in hell first." The first bit of love-making between Ben Cameron and Elsie Stoneman occurs.

The Second Act.

The second act opens in Dr. Cameron's parlor, and the announcement is made that the sheriff's notice of the public sale of the house to satisfy tax bills has been posted. The faithful "Nels" and his wife, "Eve," are in the parlor, and Elsie Stoneman is in the room, believing he had thereby stopped the sale. Here Nels learns for the first time that his marriage, to be legal, must be held again, and this time with a license. He promises himself a triumph over Aunt Eve, and the scene, which, by the way, comes from "The Leopard's Spots," is very amusing. As usual, Nels is utterly routed.

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